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When LaVerne and Dee Pernot visited Mexico last winter, the trip was "logged" and photographed in beautiful detail. A trip into the world's great silver producing area, where "bi-product" gold is still sold over the counter at the bank makes great reading! Join LaVerne and Dee in this capsulized diary of a beautiful "winter of '71."

The dawn of January 5 was what we had waited for. This was the day to leave on our long-planned trip. Throughout the summer and fall we had planned to visit Mexico. The radio this morning is reporting an overnight low of 18° below zero. We now know it's time to leave. No one has ever packed a car for a three-month trip in a little over an hour, but we did! Our home was to be occupied by some very good friends of ours who would see to our mail and pay the bills as they came in. A quick lunch and we are on our way at noon. The temperature is now 2° below. The speedometer reads 6770 miles. Little did we know it would read over 18000 miles in three months.

South of Memphis, Tennessee we ran out of snow. What a welcome sight to see green grass again. We arrived in the afternoon at Dee's niece in Houston, Texas and took a tour of the Astrodome. If one hasn't been there, it is quite a sight to behold. It would hold ever so many pennies. Next day we are on our way again heading for Donna, Texas. Dee's cousin and his family from Baraboo, Wis., spend their winters here. The weather was ideal - sunny and warm. Citrus groves and vegetable gardens were at their peak. We were briefed here on how to get along in Mexico. We crossed the border at Progreso one day to see what it was like. This little trip was very helpful, showing how the people lived, the road conditions, and other things we were to encounter. After ten delightful days at Donna, we finally crossed the border at Brownsville, Texas and in Matamoros, Mexico everything was different. The road signs and billboards were written in Spanish. What a lost feeling! We stopped at Customs for tourist cards and car permit and also car and baggage inspection.

Rural Mexico is poor but beautiful country; sort of dirty and slipshod and everything lays where it dies. We saw a dead horse along the road. The buzzards were the clean-up detail. All through Mexico we saw this. People are buried along the road where life ceases in the remote areas. We saw many such graves with their crosses. We stopped at one grave that was dated 1971. We understand that the heat, lack of money, and distance to cemeteries is the reason for this.

The homes in the rural areas are built of bamboo with dirt floors and no windows or doors. The roads are lined with people carrying wood, citrus fruit, water, and almost anything you can think of. One thing we couldn't figure out is how they get their white clothes to come out so nice and white under these conditions. The road we traveled on was Highway 101. At Ciudad Victoria we will pick up Highway 85, the mountain highway to Mexico City.

The people wherever we stopped were very friendly. We had a ball trying to talk to them. After a few hand signals, a few grunts, and groans we would get through to them. Just south of Valles we ran into mountain driving. Not too bad at first but nothing like we were to encounter later.

The area is real pretty through here. They farm the mountains clear to the top. Corn, oranges, bananas, and coffee. We got a room at Tamazunchale and headed back about 26 miles to take a side trip to Xilitla. This is way up in the mountains. The people here are so far back in the sticks that very few speak Spanish. It is mostly their native Indian tongue. This colorful mountain village is the coffee-growing center of northern Mexico. The country around Xilitla is densely tropical. Giant ferns, palms, banana and orange trees grow in profusion, watered by more than 100 inches of rainfall a year.

It isn't hard to get soft drinks such as Coca-Cola. About every mile or so is a Coke sign. We stopped at several. Prices vary for a 12 oz. bottle from 4¢ to 24¢ as we later learned. You can get it either warm or ice cold. The ice cold they have in tubs of ice. Take the pause that refreshes.

Stopped at Zimapan. This is the rich mineral district of the area. Gold and silver are mined here. We wanted to go through some of the mines but being Sunday, they were all closed. It seems we are always a day late and a dollar short. We took a tour of the town. Their churches down there are just beautiful. Saw the large Cypress tree. It's 42 feet around. It was also market day here. Bought some gold and silver ore. We also went

through the Pasada Del Rey Hotel. It was built in the 1500's. A very beautiful place.

In Ixmiquilpan we got a room at H.R. Dobbs Motel. Just a new building and very nice. It has a very nice restaurant. Walked down to the square and took pictures. Saw three little girls playing with a volleyball. It took a lot of coaxing but I finally got them to throw it to me. From then on you should have heard the laughing and screaming as we played ball. I thought maybe the long arm of the law might be up but they weren't.

The next morning at breakfast we met Mr. and Mrs. Brennan, the son of the owner of Brennan Fruit Markets of Madison and Monroe, Wisconsin. Had a real nice visit with them. They were making a whirlwind tour of Mexico. (This is not the way to see any country.)

Started to run into fields of alfalfa just north of Actopan. Boy, the way they load their trucks. The alfalfa is cut by hand and loaded on trucks. After it is loaded, the sides are trimmed and it looks like a big green box going down the road. All these trucks and busses you see smoke like crazy. They drive the very devil out of them.

On now to Pachuca. We want to tour one of the silver mines but it's getting late and it's hard to get proper directions. We started out with some make-shift directions. We got in town, but with narrow streets and wild drives, we decided to forget about the mine. Maybe some other town or some other place. Back to our planned course. We are now crossing the highest point of our trip. The elevation at Colonia is 8,209 feet. We are nearing Mexico City and the traffic is picking up. On the outskirts of the city we can see the smog. It's a very yellow haze. Oh boy, the traffic. Just give one of these quiet, soft-spoken, good-natured Mexicans a car and look out. He makes the Indy 500 look like a ladies aid. Mexico City has a population of about 8 million. It seems like each one has a car and they are all on the same street. A cab driver finally pulls up beside us and asks if we could use a little help. We must have looked frustrated. We were! He helped

us find the Regente Hotel. We were both quite tired and the heavy traffic didn't help. The cab driver asked if we would like him to guide us on a tour the next day. We hired him.

We were up and ready at 7:00. We had lunch at Chapultepec Park. It covers 2,100 acres. We ate outside by the lagoon; it was very clean. The workers were cleaning the water of debris. After lunch we went to the National Museum of Anthropology. We were here for almost two hours, but to take a good tour of this place, one should spend at least a day. While we were on the tour I asked the driver if he knew where the Mint was. Oh yes, he knew. "Will you take us there?" Over on the right you will see the Law Building. "But how about the Mint; will you take us?" Now on the left you will see The Russian Embassy. "But the Mint: will you take us there?" Next we will go to the Mercado (market). "Dee, do you suppose he thinks we would be foolish enough to try to knock off the Mint?" Her reply was I guess we are a day late and a dollar short again. Maybe the Mexican Government doesn't like to mess around with nosey American collectors.

On our way again and heading for our destination. We take the toll road out of Mexico City to Iguala. This road is just like our "I" System. Near Chilpancingo we get into the tropical region. Lots of coconut palms. We come to a long rock-covered hill with lots of homes. Many people on the road. We go over this hill there lies our destination, Acapulco. Oh, what a beautiful place. 3:30 in the afternoon of January 26 and the temperature is a wonderful 93 degrees. We went to the Monaco Motel. No reservation but we got a very nice room with 2 single beds and a double bed, large bath, and shower. By the way, anyone traveling in Mexico should take a washcloth along. I guess they don't know what they are for. We never saw one in any of the rooms all through there.

In the main part of town we stopped at Woolworths, Kentucky Fried Chicken, Sanborns, Big Boy Hamburgers, and other American franchises. Went to their very large market. Here you could bargain for almost anything. The best we did was on an onyx chess

board and men. \$10 U.S.; they are selling in the states for \$45 and higher. This market covered about three city blocks. You could see chickens for sale with their legs tied together. Lizards with their legs and mouth tied shut. The way the people transport their produce on the busses is fantastic. When the bus stops for them, they throw their chickens, goats, lizards, fruit, etc., up on the top of the bus and away they go.

We went to the bank one morning to get some money changed and found we could buy gold. Boy, right up my alley. We bought several pieces for ourselves. It's too bad that the Americans spoil everything for themselves. One fellow in front of us at the bank was flashing \$100 bills, wanting a large amount of 50 pesos gold. Much to his surprise he didn't get all he asked for. This is no way to try to impress people in a foreign country.

After 7 wonderful days in Acapulco, we had to start our journey back. Did we hate to leave? I only hope if we ever go again that we can stay longer.

Our next stop was Taxco. Taxco is picturesque, charming, and quaint. The oldest mining town in North America. The town is best known for its distinctive designs in hand-wrought silver. We visited several shops where they made jewelry.

After staying in Guadalajara for two days we are on the road again. It is now February 6. The scenery isn't too much now. Mostly desert. Lots of livestock on the roads. The stone fences are something to see. Stones about the size of baseballs on up are piled to make fences.

Durango for the night. Here I had my first Cabrito (roast goat). It is very good. Spent the night in Chihuahua. Tomorrow the U.S.

On the road again and headed for Ciudad Juarez and then El Paso. It will be good to be back in the States again. Back to some good American food. Neither of us are very wild about Mexican food. They use a lot of garlic.

A quick check with customs and we are off to some good food and no speaking trouble.

We pass through Blythe, California, and on to Indio, California. (That is the date capital of the world.) On through Riverside and to Orange, California. Dee has two sisters and her mother living in this area.

We stayed here for 5-1/2 weeks. If you travel it sure helps to have relatives and friends all over. We visited many places in and around Orange. I tried to get a few bags of 1972-S cents but they weren't out yet. We attended the Long Beach Coin & Stamp Show. At the Tustin Coin Club and Long Beach Coin Club meetings we renewed old acquaintances with Leonard Sterling, Warren Bunge, Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Wisslead (he is President of the Tustin Coin Club and she was in 1971), and many others. Also visited Martins Coin Shop at Orange and Bucks Coins at Long Beach. Made some real good purchases from Bucks Coins. Buck is one who still thinks of business as a quick sale and small profit. We could use more of his kind. We took in all the sights around L.A. and many of the smaller towns and cities. Went to Knotts Berry Farm and spent most of the day there. Had to go to the races. We had a ball. Didn't make much money. Dee did come out a little ahead.

Stopped at Topeka, Kansas for a tour and pictures of the capital and historical museum. Couldn't miss Independence, Missouri. Went through the Harry S. Truman Library. A very interesting place. They have a beautiful coin collection there. They have pictures of the presidents and under them they have the coins that were minted while they were in office.

March 30 and it's homeward bound. Dee doesn't want to make it all in one day but we do. I guess she doesn't want to start cooking and doing dishes again. Well, it has to end sometime. Home again and good old Wisconsin weather. Nice to be back and attend all the coin meetings in Madison and Monroe.

After the show in June I suppose we will be back planning on where to go next winter. Suggestions, anyone?

BEAVER CLUE PRESIDENT DENNIS LOOMIS WITH JINA KOUGIANOU



Greek exchange student Jina Kougiianou was presented an honorary membership in the Beaver Coin Club in ceremonies at Tahoe Park this late summer. Club members presented a number of gifts of current and obsolete coinage to the teenage A.F.S. student. The club celebrated its 12th anniversary on October 19 with a buffet dinner held at the Tahoe recreation building. Ethel Kellom was chairman of the event.

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BAILEY LIBRARY EXPANDS OPERATIONS

Behn-Miller Publishers, Inc., of Encino, California recently announced the selection of Clement F. Bailey, free-lance writer, as the Senior Editor of their annual publication - COIN COLLECTOR'S YEARBOOK.

Behn-Miller publish COINage MAGAZINE and COIN MART in the numismatic field as well as POPULAR BRIDGE, ROCK & GEM and THE WESTERNER.

"Bailey's Coin Notebook" column is featured in COINage MAGAZINE as well as a numismatic Q & A column. In addition to those features, Bailey also answers all of the numismatic mail for Behn-Miller.

Clem will continued to work out of Iola and edit the "Coin Clinic" column in NUMISMATIC NEWS.

NEWS ROUNDUP

NEW SHOP

A new Wisconsin coin store has been opened by Karl Kohls (N.O.W. #790) of Shorewood, Wisconsin. The shop "Shorewood Coin Shop" is located at 4495 North Oakland in Shorewood. A full line of supplies is on display plus excellent U.S. type material and other numismatic collectables.

FAR OUT EXHIBITS

Probably the most "traveled" exhibits on the Wisconsin numismatic scene are the two cases of Phillipine currency displayed by Bill Churchwell (N.O.W. #1012). The junior exhibits are from Hawaii and shown through the courtesy of Honolulu Coin Club.

RALPH WRIGHT HONORED

Ralph Wright (N.O.W. #977) recently received the "AWARD OF MERIT" of the Elongated Collectors Association (T.E.C.). Ralph, who is the Vice President of Waukesha Coin Club, was recognized for his cataloging efforts in the rolled out cent organization.

Altering Coins Brings Term

Dennis L. Uranis, 40, formerly of 9500 N. Green Bay Ave., Brown Deer, has been sentenced to two years in prison for possession of coins altered to increase their value and for mail fraud.

Uranis had pleaded guilty before Federal Judge Myron L. Gordon. He was arrested in July 1971 after Secret Service agents and postal inspectors said he was involved in a nationwide scheme to sell counterfeit rare coins.

Keith C. Krause, 21, of 5022 N. 25th St., who was arrested with Uranis, was found guilty of selling altered coins last April and was sentenced by Gordon to five years probation.

A TRIP TO NEW ORLEANS (ANA SHOW)

Gordon Gill - 1-1/2 hours by jet plane

Mike Segersin - 1-1/2 days by bus

Clayton High - 1-1/2 weeks by Amtrack?

Milwaukee club officials have been approached by Central States "brass" concerning the hosting of another C.S.N.S. Convention in the beer town. 1975 and 1977 have been mentioned as possible convention dates.

Roy Miller of the Racine Numismatic Society is gathering information for a capsulized club history. This will be in the next issue of N.O.W. NEWS when Roy "compresses" the ten type-written pages to a more brief format. (Second compression!)

A budget is an attempt to live below your yearnings.

Myrtle Swain (see page 9 for photo), a long-time Milwaukee Club stalwart, has been unanimously awarded honorary life membership in the Milwaukee Numismatic Society in recognition of her outstanding service to the club.

The 17th Annual Banquet of Wisconsin Valley Coin Club was held November 4 at Zion Church in Wausau. 90 persons were treated to an excellent chicken and trimmings meal, a "State of the Hobby" message by publisher Chet Krause, and an outstanding musical program by one-man band Jerry Hollman.

THANK TO:

Dennis Loomis, Virgil Jackson, Harold Prieve, Krause Publications for photos. Ron Calkins, Gordon Gill, Clarence Coin, club secretaries for clipping and notes.

The well-stocked registration table at the Sheboygan Show kept Club Treasurer Bernard Sonntag plenty busy. His lovely young assistant is Debra Wittrock who in addition to helping with registration, served on the Award Committee and set up a display!



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AND PHOTOS!



All the way from Clinton, Iowa to the Sheboygan show is a long haul, but dealer Mylo Casberg didn't mind. (Business was brisk and the collector friendly.)

(Right) Long-time N.O.W. member and dealer Glen Williams helps out as exhibit judge at Sheboygan show. The clever junior exhibit shown was designed by junior member David Rautmann.

AREA COIN SHOWS





Dealer-exhibitor "Doc" Tilton of Bellevue, Iowa checks prices with a neighboring dealer while collector Ken Hagenau, Wisconsin Rapids awaits the bad/good news (Baraboo show).



Don Anacker watches the N.O.W. registration table while Pauline Luther sells door prize drawings at the busy Baraboo summer show. Strong summer crowds again proved the summer show is here to stay!



Original ideas in packaging and merchandising are regular fare at the bourse spot of Virgil Payton. Next show take time to watch the scads of new and non-collectors who stop by, pause, then get their feet wet in numismatics with Paytons!

Ever wonder where all the signs at Harold Prieve's table come from? Seems Harold's daughter Judy has quite a talent! Judy has made many nice posters for N.O.W. and the various one-day shows. Harold is a strong believer in the power of advertising.





Just why Colleen McKibbon picked the 3rd place silver bowl (instead of Best of Show) is hard to figure. Fond du Lac went to silver rather than trophies to the delight of the exhibitors!



The exhibits received a good share of the attention at the Fond du Lac Show which drew excellent crowds.



Bewiskered "Curly" Ochs hammed it up at the Fond du Lac Show with Edgar Waldschmidt's teddy bear. "Curly" was one of the founders of the Fond du Lac Club way back in 1960.



Thought we would put this in N.O.W. NEWS before these fellas become T.V. stars. The colorful "Fox Valley Coin Co." ad on Channel 11 television at present doesn't feature any of the Voecks boys! (Fond du Lac Show)



The extremely heavy registration at the Milwaukee Fall Show was handled with vigor by this competent trio of dedicated club members (L-R) Darlene Boeyer, Myrtle Swain, and Genevieve Panfill registered the 1,500 persons who jambed the Milwaukee War Memorial Building.

A nice sidelight of the Milwaukee Show was an open invitation to the Krueger-Janowetz wedding in Waukesha Saturday. A large, enthusiastic group of N.O.W. members made the scene and watched the happy young couple in the 1972 version of the ancient rite.



"Hot and heavy" is the numismatic tone at Milwaukee's fall show. Tony Trachte (center) makes his point as Gale Highsmith (L) Chuck Opitz, and a show guest "get the message."

WISCONSIN



Members and Clubs on the Move

EXHIBIT WINNERS

SHEBOYGAN

First - Marvin Hemb
Second - Louis Stubler
Junior First - Paul Schoening
Junior Second - David Routmann
Popular Award - Marvin Hemb

BARABOO

Best of Show - John and Valma
Tilton
First - Jerry Lenser
Leo Niedinger
Kurt Krueger

Second - Irene Niedinger
Leo Niedinger
Richard Vandergeest
Mrs. Russ Curtis

Juniors - Robert Lee
Tom Niedinger
Jeff Zumach

OCONOMOWOC

Best of Show - Kurt Krueger
First - Dick Stone
Second - William Fuchs
Third - Bruno Melitz
Junior First - Robert D. Lee
Peoples' Choice - Dick Stone

FOND DU LAC

Best of Show - Robert D. Lee
First - John Flood
Jack Putman
Leo Neidinger

Second - M.O. Barnes
Leo Neidinger
Charles O. Knoch

Junior First - Tom Neidinger
Traveling Trophy - Charles O. Knoch

MILWAUKEE

Best of Show - Gale Highsmith

First - Bob Lee
Charles Opitz
William Fuchs
Irene Neidinger

Second - Lester Beck
Leo Neidinger
Ed Kuebler
Walter Boeyer

Third - A.P. Bertschy
Tom Neidinger
N. Gleason
Ralph Wright

JANESVILLE

First - John and Valma Tilton
Second - Mrs. Russ Curtis
Third - Harold Prieve



Passing
the Gavel

BEAVER COIN CLUB

President - Spencer Markham
Vice President - Norman Westra
Secretary - Ruby Workhom
Treasurer - Rex Blakely

BARABOO COIN CLUB

President - Tom Fries
Vice President - William Turnipseed
Secretary - Harold Fosgate
Treasurer - Ed Lange

Board of Governors

Harold Prieve
Fred Aherns
Don Anacker

WAUSAU (WISCONSIN VALLEY)

President - Robert Fierek
Vice President - J. Wesley Wittig
Secretary - Mike Lenard
Treasurer - Ed Mead

WISCONSIN RAPIDS (PAPER CITIES)

President - Gene Johnson
Vice President - Paul Firnett
Secretary - Robert Woyak
Treasurer - August Hustedt

RECENTLY A "MOBILE COIN'O R.A.A" VISITED OUR TOWN

They had a \$800 ad in the newspapers to buy, sell, and appraise coins.

I assembled some coins: uncirculated 1889S silver dollar lists for \$32.50 and a couple common silver dollars. Five Indianhead cents and one 1871 Indianhead lists G. \$13.50, a nice 1892 Columbian half-dollar offering to buy at \$3.50 and four common foreign coins. I wrapped them in old papers and asked him if he bought coins. He wanted to know if I wanted them appraised or his buying price. I said his buying price - he checked them and said, "You know this old flat 1871 I.H. cent is worth \$4.00?" He didn't mention the 1889 silver dollar but he did look it up in his catalog. He offered me \$16.05 for all! That week dealers were offering \$47.85 to buy. He would make over \$31 more than a legitimate coin dealer. I didn't sell.

The gold coins on display were nice. Two of the ancient coins were replicas. It was a commercial display of coins. Lots of \$2-\$3 foreign crowns, many common foreign bills, the few U.S. currency on display were in the lower conditions. 2¢ - 3¢ - 1/2¢, etc., were all mounted individually in 4" x 7" holders to occupy lots of space.

Bad news for the hobby, don't you think?

(Name withheld)

Did you say \$30.00 minimum bid for about uncirculated and no returns?

Silver
Dollars



COLLECTING COINS IS A GREAT HOBBY;
HELP SOME YOUNGSTER GET A START
TODAY!

PARK MOTOR INN

Waitress: How did you find the steak?

Art Zoellner: Just by accident I
lifted the parsley
and their it was!

- Portage Coin News

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

One of our nation's finest numismatic displays is at the Smithsonian Institute in Washington. Ever wonder how this landmark got its name?

The Smithsonian Institution at Washington was founded by James Smithson, an Englishman who never visited America and who had no friends or correspondents in the United States. In 1826, three years before his death, Smithson made a will bequeathing "the whole of my property to the United States of America to found at Washington, under the name of the Smithsonian Institution, an establishment for the increase and diffusion of knowledge among men."

It was contended that Congress had no right to accept such a gift but Smithson's estate, amounting to more than \$500,000 was finally claimed in 1838 and on August 10, 1846 Congress passed an Act establishing the Smithsonian Institution. The endowment fund has been increased by other gifts.

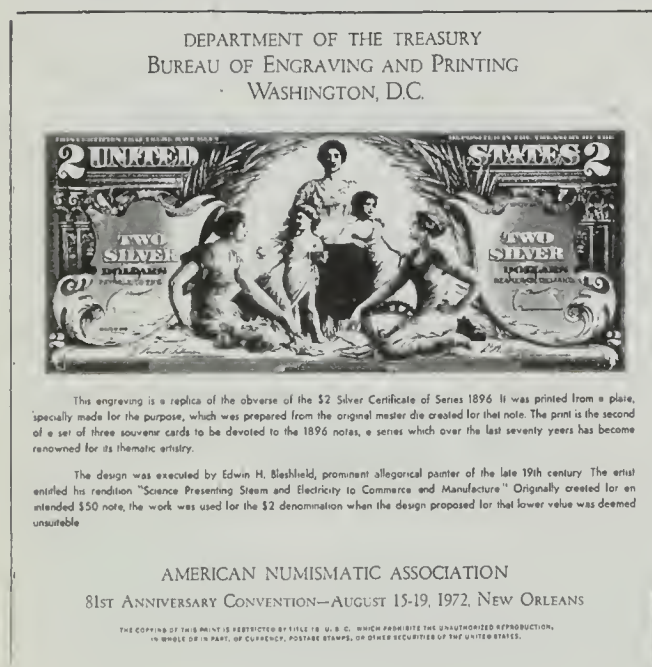
Associated with the Smithsonian Institution are other institutions devoted to arts, sciences, and exploration. In 1856 Congress authorized a new \$34,000,000 Smithsonian Institution of History and Technology to be erected near other Smithsonian buildings.

NEW SOUVENIR CARD AVAILABLE

Copies, limited to not more than five per customer, may be ordered by mail from the Bureau at \$1.00 each.

Mail orders, accompanied by remittance in the form of a check or money order, payable to the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, should be addressed to "ANA '72 CARD" Bureau of Engraving and Printing, Washington, D.C. 20226.

All orders should be submitted on a standard letter size sheet. Purchasers should make sure that their name, address, and zip code are included on their request as well as on the transmittal envelope.



This engraving is a replica of the obverse of the \$2 Silver Certificate of Series 1896. It was printed from a plate, specially made for the purpose, which was prepared from the original master die created for that note. The print is the second of a set of three souvenir cards to be devoted to the 1896 notes, a series which over the last seventy years has become renowned for its thematic artistry.

The design was executed by Edwin H. Bleshfield, prominent allegorical painter of the late 19th century. The artist entitled his rendition "Science Presenting Steam and Electricity to Commerce and Manufacture." Originally created for an intended \$50 note, the work was used for the \$2 denomination when the design proposed for that lower value was deemed unsuitable.

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION
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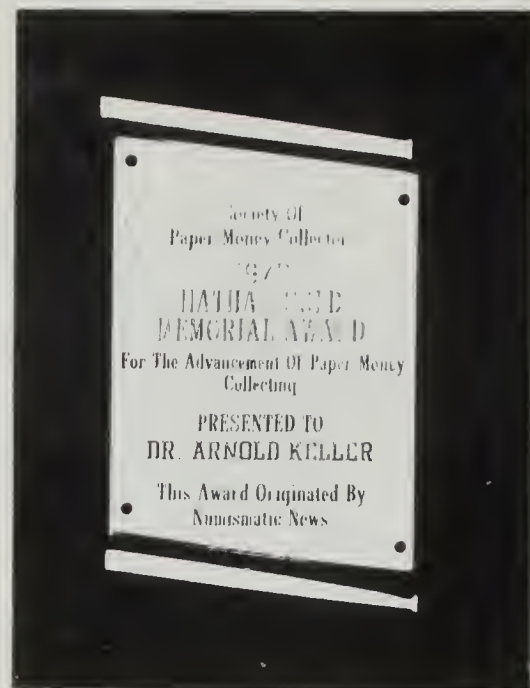
A.N.A. COUNTERFEIT

DETECTION SEMINAR

Two Wisconsin dealers have received certificates of graduation from the A.N.A. counterfeit detection seminar (1972) held in Colorado Springs this summer. Rex Blakeley of Beaver Dam and Pete Foerster of Brookfield joined 20 other nationally known dealers and numismatists in the graduating class.

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DR. ARNOLD KELLER NAMED 12TH NATHAN GOLD AWARD WINNER

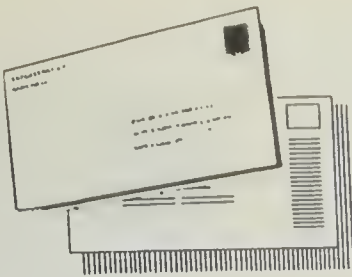
Dr. Arnold Keller of Berlin, the foremost authority on world paper money, has been named to receive the 12th Annual Nathan Gold Memorial Award. The announcement of his selection was made at the Annual Society of Paper Money Collectors luncheon held during the American Numismatic Association Convention.

Keller, a paper money collector for more than half a century, has compiled numerous catalogs of issues from his native Germany and Europe, as well as the world. He is the author of several detailed studies of the paper money circulated during the German inflations and wartime periods.

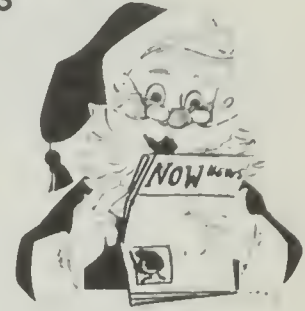
The Nathan Gold Memorial Award, launched in 1961 by Numismatic News Weekly, is bestowed in recognition of outstanding contributions toward the advancement of paper money collecting, U.S. or world.

The award honors the late Nathan Gold, one of the country's foremost pioneers in the field of paper money research.

LETTERS



EVERYONE READS N.O.W. NEWS



TO THE EDITOR:

In the period of time that I have been a member of N.O.W., which is about eight years, it seems the same members year after year after year, have been nominated and manage to be elected to the N.O.W. Board of Governors. Very little or no new blood has been elected. These old members, I feel, have served their purpose in establishing N.O.W. on a solid basis but the time has come (or should come in a short time) when these men should put aside their desire for prestige and step aside and let some new and young blood on the Board of Governors. In this way N.O.W. will never lack inexperienced men and women on the Board of Governors to make vital decisions for the organization in the years ahead.

I realize with this type of letter I am going to make enemies in N.O.W., but this is the way I feel. One way we can solve this problem is to put a limit on the length of time each member of the Board of Governors can serve. For instance a Governor might serve no more than two continuous terms (six years) and then he is not eligible for six more.

There should be other changes in NOW that are listed below:

1. Inform the members through the N.O.W. NEWS what's going on at the N.O.W. meetings.
2. Have a N.O.W. Banquet in the fall on a Saturday night.
3. Club representatives should be recognized by N.O.W.

- Name Withheld

The world is composed of takers and givers. The takers eat better; the givers sleep better.

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

The summer months are gone and winter is here. I believe the summer months have been very good for numismatics.

The fall shows around the state were well attended by collectors and dealers. Numismatics is on the move! I attended two state conventions during October: Minnesota Organization of Numismatics and North Carolina's State Convention. Those southern states really know how to throw a state convention; the hospitality was wonderful. We were guests at the club's morning breakfast.

Have you paid your 1972 N.O.W. dues? If you haven't, won't you send yours in to Kurt Krueger today?

I have appointed the new N.O.W. representatives for each district and by the time you read this, they will all be at work in your club.

A contest is now in effect. Let's see who can write up the most new members by the state convention in Racine May 1973. A surprise for the winner will be announced at the morning breakfast. Why not give a membership to someone for Christmas?

This is my second letter in N.O.W. NEWS since my term began as President and I would be happy to hear your ideas for the good of our organization.

Happy holidays; will see you at the spring shows!

- Dick Anderson



STANDARD CATALOG OF WORLD COINS
NAMED AS BOOK OF THE YEAR

The STANDARD CATALOG OF WORLD COINS has won designation as the most worthwhile contribution of the year in the field of numismatic literature. The Numismatic Literary Guild, which held its annual meeting during the American Numismatic Association Convention in New Orleans August 15-19, announced its selection as the 1972 Book of the Year.

Compiled over a two-year period by the publisher-editor team of Chester L. Krause and Clifford Mishler, the STANDARD CATALOG OF WORLD COINS was first released on March 1. It is the culmination of a formidable accomplishment - the listing of all world coins by date, fully illustrated by denomination - which had never before been attempted.

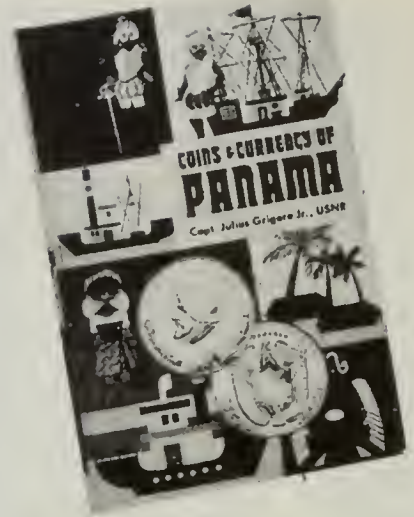
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18 - Green Bay
25 -
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8 - Wausau
15 - Appleton
22 -
29 - Beaver Dam
May 6 - Monroe
13 -
20 - Oshkosh
27 - N.O.W. Racine
June 3 - *SHEBOYGAN*
10 -
17 -
24 -
Aug. 5 -
12 - BEAT
THE
RUSH;
19 - SCHEDULE
YOUR
26 - COIN
SHOW
Sept. 2 - NEXT
MEETING!
9 -
16 -
23 -
30 -
Oct. 7 -
14 -
21 -
28 -

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